

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Republic of Kazakhstan

CANDIDATE: George Albert Krol

George Albert Krol, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, currently serves as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan. Previously Ambassador in Belarus, with many other assignments in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Mr. Krol has served much of his career in the former Soviet Union, developing deep knowledge of the region. In Washington, he has held senior policy-making positions. Known as a superior leader and expert manager with a strong background in the interagency process, he will bring key skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Kazakhstan, a key U.S. partner in Central Asia.

Previously, Mr. Krol served the Department of State as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (2008 – 2010), Faculty Advisor, National War College (2006-2007), U.S. Ambassador, Embassy Minsk, Belarus (2003 – 2006), Member, State Department Senior Seminar (2002 – 2003), Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs, Embassy Moscow, Russia (1999 – 2002), Director, Office of Russian Affairs, Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs (1997 – 1999), Special Assistant to the Ambassador-at-Large for the New Independent States (1995 – 1997), Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy Minsk, Belarus (1993 – 1995), Political/Economic Officer, Embassy Kiev, Ukraine (1992 – 1993), and Political/Economic Officer, Consulate General Leningrad/St. Petersburg, Russia (1990 – 1992). He has also served as a Desk Officer in the Office of East European and Yugoslav Affairs, a Watch Officer in the Operations Center and at Embassy New Delhi, India and Embassy Warsaw, Poland.

Mr. Krol earned an A.B. magna cum laude at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1978 and a B.A. and M.A. at Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom in 1980. He was the recipient of the Republic of Uzbekistan Order of Friendship in 2013 and the January 13 Award bestowed by the Lithuanian Parliament, 1991-1992. He has received seven Senior Performance Pay Awards, six Superior Honor Awards and a Meritorious Honor Award from the Department of State. He was a John Harvard Scholar, 1974-1978. Mr. Krol speaks fluent Russian.